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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

(a)  is attached hereto.

(b)  was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
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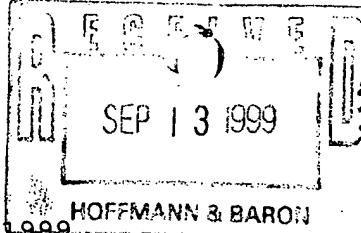
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Nationality

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Date:X 6/7/99

Gerald R. Heller  
X Gerald R. Heller

Date:X 6/7/99

Wayne Mareiro  
X Wayne Mareiro

(If ASSIGNOR is a legal entity, complete the following information)

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authorized to sign on behalf of ASSIGNOR

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Title

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Jeanne J. Schaefer  
Notary Public

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On this 7 day of June, 1999, before me personally appeared **Wayne Mareiro** to me personally known and known to me to be the person who signed the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged the signing of same as his/her free act and deed.

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